

former minister Dr. Georg Zimmermann, and the manager of the Statistisches Institut der Universität Wien (Statistical Institute of the University of Vienna), Professor Dr. Wilhelm Winkler. The latter is the author of a number of treatises about principles of methods and economic statistics. In this field of endeavor he is being supported by F. Klezl-Norberg, vice-president of the Statistical Central Office. These two theorists share, from a national economic point of view, the ideas of the Austrian School, whereby the first named inclines more or less towards mathematics and economics. 647 816

The Ständige interministerielle Referentenkomitee zur Bekämpfung der Arbeitslosigkeit und Sicherung der Vollbeschäftigung (Permanent Inter-ministerial Committee of Department Heads to combat Unemployment and to secure Full-time Employment) also cooperates with the Institute of Economic Research. This committee concerns itself not solely with the task of enforcing immediately adequate measures, but also directs attention towards weak points in the economy which eventually could influence the intensity of work; it further prepares long-term economic measures which should be enacted. [464] [654]

The Mitteilungen (Reports) of the Oesterreichisches Kuratorium für Wirtschaftlichkeit (Austrian Board of Trustees for Economy), a board sponsored by the Bundeskammer der gewerblichen Wirtschaft, are especially concerned with rationalization problems (Manager: Consul Schmidhuber). Science of business economics is a discipline particularly taught at the Hochschule für Welthandel, Vienna, which has quite a number of experts on its lecturing staff (W. Bouffier, F. Dörfel, K. Oberparleiter). This branch of science became, via the balance theory, more and more related to theoretical economics. In this way--and this applies to the entire field of commercial science--the selection of themes, the setting of problems and the methods of presentation show the influence of the Austrian School. The science of business economics has contributed to better and more standardized forms of accounting, improvements in bookkeeping and cost accounting. Scientific handling of advertising and market research has substantially improved plant management. 874 451 816

Austria has become intensely interested lately in methods of work psychology, which have proven successful in the United States, England and other western nations. In this connection may be mentioned the 461 466 816

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453 offset of securities of the German Reich, the second phase will comprise the elimination of the remaining odd lots of such German securities. In addition, it will be necessary to establish the sources of loss in connection with the war. This includes losses incurred mainly through sequestration of cash on hand as booty, securities and participations devalued to nil (excepting German securities) and, finally, through general losses incurred in accounts receivable. (Losses incurred in connection with credit lines guaranteed by the Reich assume a special significance.) All of these represent values which at several institutions comprise a special block of "domestic and foreign assets" to be settled within the scope of pending reconstruction endeavors.

457 It remains understood, and this has been pointed out by the Federal Minister of Finance, that the settlement of the whole complex requires the establishment of true reconstruction balance sheets, a prerequisite to be accomplished only after enforcement of a law decreeing the execution of "Schillingseröffnungsbilanzen" (initial balance sheets in schillings). As a result of the yet unsolved problem of the so-called "German Property," the computation of final figures will certainly meet with difficulties, especially with respect to the large banking corporations. This follows because (1) a clear definition of the term "German Property" has not as yet been established; (2) it is impossible to compute the participation values of the enterprises concerned without knowledge of the exact computation date in the absence of a state-treaty; (3) in some cases the prerequisites as to the corporate status, especially with regard to enterprises administered partly by Austrians and partly by an occupation power, still need clarification.

Noteworthy, furthermore, is the varied handling of "German Property" within the various occupation zones. Besides the contemplated settlement of balances within the scope of the first phase, the compensation of the remaining "odd-lots of German securities" and the general settlement (since the enforcement of the "Schillingsgesetz") of blocked but not written-off deposits, only relative estimates will be obtained which ultimately, after the elimination of evaluation difficulties, will find a correction.

Although a settlement method covering the "odd-lots" of German securities and subsequently the

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It should be explained that during the last [451] part of 1950 a change in the accounting procedure of releases occurred. While previously the actual debit of the account immediately followed the publication of the release, this was no longer the case during the second half of 1950. The charging of the account and the payment of amounts now occurs in installments, partly for reasons of administration and partly for reasons of currency policies. Thus, for example, at the end of the first half of 1950, 100 million schillings were released for the construction of buildings. However, payments were effected only during the third (75 million schillings) and fourth (25 million schillings) quarters. Of the amount of 1.2 billion schillings released during the first few days of September 1950 only 88 million schillings had been charged at the end of the third quarter. Of the funds released in September some were not charged to the account even at the end of the year. The December release amounting to 700 million schillings (published before Christmas) was still on account at the end of 1950. Therefore the published releases are limited releases needing special "Release Letters" to receive payment.

b) Money and capital market.

The essential part which counterpart funds (Marshall Plan aid) play in financing reconstruction and replenishment needs becomes especially obvious if the Austrian capital market conditions, which is slowly gaining momentum after capital losses sustained during the last decade, are duly taken into account. The 1950 annual report of the Vienna Stock Exchange indicates that the expectations held at the opening of the exchange in 1948 were only partly achieved at the end of 1950. The turnover in 1950 amounted only to slightly over 654.5 million schillings (at traded prices) of which 191.3 million schillings represented trading in government bonds, 282.2 million schillings in various other bond issues and not quite 179 million schillings in shares. Thus the market in stocks (the following detail reflects the necessity of interim financing of industrial monetary needs) developed a bearish trend although most of the corporations resumed dividend payments (depreciations averaging 25 per cent). Under pressure especially were the shares of "nationalized" 451
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